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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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TAGS: CFED EINV OPIC

SUBJ: TAW TRANSFERS

REF: NAIROBI 1706 STATE 32314 75 ADDIS 14068

1. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED THE EMBASSY WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO
OBTAIN STATEMENT REQUESTED REF B.

2. EMB WISHES TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED IN
REF A. MOREOVER, AS POINTED OUT IN REF C, ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN
EXCHANGE OFFICIALS REGARD LOCAL CURRENCY TRANSFERS FROM TAW INTO
EMB ACCOUNT FOR OPIC AS VIOLATING ETHIOPIA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE
CONTROL REGULATIONS. FACT THAT TRANSFERS WERE PERMITTED DURING
1975 IS ALMOST CERTAINLY REFLECTIVE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE OFFICIALS
BEING UNAWARE OF THESE TRANSACTIONS RATHER THAN BASED ON ANY
TACIT APPROVAL BY THEM.

3. ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELR DISCUSSED PROPOSALS CONTAINED
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REF B WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE COMMERCIAL BANK OFFICERS ON A HIGHLY

CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. THESE OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT STATEMENT OF
THE NATURE REQUESTED WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN EVEN IN THE
BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES. AS DEPT AWARE, CIRCUMSTANCES IN ETHIOPIA
ARE SCARCELY THE BEST AT PRESENT GIVEN THE RECENT ARREST OF THE
GOVERNOR OF THE NATIONAL BANK AND THE GENERAL INCREASE IN ETHIOPIAN
CONCERN AND SENSITIVITY TO MANIPULATION BY OTHER GOVTS,
ESPECIALLY WESTERN ONES.
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